

26th May 2023

ANOTHER HALF TERM HAS FLOWN BY!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy half term has flown by at Waterloo and we couldn't be more proud of how hard the children have worked over the last few weeks.

Filming

This week, a group of Year 5 and 6 children helped to create some child-led resources for Dimensions curriculum. They were filmed discussing all manner of topics and once again, our children did us proud. The filming team were blown away by their maturity and their ability to articulate their thoughts and feelings. We are extremely proud of everyone who took part and we look forward to seeing the results!

SATs

We just want to let you all know how particularly proud we are of our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils. During the month of May, children in Year 2 and Year 6 sit six test papers in English and mathematics. These tests are always challenging, but our children faced them with great courage and determination. We are always proud of our children at Waterloo, but our Year 2s and Year 6s most certainly deserve a special mention at the end of this half term.

Huge thanks to the staff team who have supported the children superbly all year, but particularly across this month. Our staff are always amazing, but this month they have been exceptional. The children have been so well supported, encouraged and loved.

Staffing News

After exciting periods of maternity leave, it has been lovely to be able to welcome back Miss Kilby and Mrs Harwood this week. Miss Kilby will be re-joining Y2KR and Mrs Harwood will be teaching in a number of classes across school. Both members of staff are well-known to the children and it is wonderful to have them both back.

I would like to thank Mrs Beechey, who leaves us today after being part of the staff team for the last 3 years. Mrs Beechey is known to many of the children as she has been part of our welfare team and has supported many of them at lunch time. Mrs Beechey will be missed, but we wish her all the very best for the future.

Uniform

This week, we have gathered together an enormous amount of lost property from around school. We have tried extremely hard to reunite the items with their owners, but as the vast majority of them are unnamed, this has been an almost impossible task. In the warm weather, many children take their jumpers and cardigans off at various points throughout the day. Over the holidays, please ensure that your child's uniform is named. Named items are much, much easier to return to their owner.

Once again, can I politely remind all parents and carers that **trainers are not part of our regular school uniform** and are only permitted to be worn on PE days. A number of children across school are frequently wearing trainers and it would be lovely to see them back in their school shoes after the holiday please.

We appreciate that in this economic climate, many demands are placed on our finances, but please don't let financial pressures be a barrier to school uniform. Please do come and chat to a member of The Haven team if you would appreciate some support with this. All conversations will be treated in confidence.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Waterloo staff team. Nearly 90 staff make up the Waterloo family and each one of them works incredibly hard, day in, day out, to ensure that our school is a safe, fun and enjoyable environment for your children to learn and flourish in.

Although I know that many of them will still be working in some capacity next week, I'm sure you will join me in wishing them all a restful half term holiday.

Half Term Holiday

A reminder that school closes today for one week. We re-open on **Monday 5th June at the normal time.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. Everyone at Waterloo, wishes all our children and their families, a relaxing weekend and a wonderful half term holiday.

Kind regards,



Jenny Brown
Head of School